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SUBJ: BHUTTO VISIT - PRIVATE VISIT OF S.U. DURRANI TO THE U.S.

SUMMARY: S.U. DURRANI, APPARENTLY AT REQUEST OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO VISITING U.S. AT TIME OF BHUTTO VISIT. HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN INVESTMENT COMMUNITY MAY LEAD TO BHUTTO REQUEST FOR AN ADDITION TO NEW YORK SCHEDULE.

1. AT THE TIME OF THE VISIT TO PAKISTAN OF PRESIDENT'S DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR WILLIAMS, S.U. DURANI, FORMER HEAD OF PIA, AND GOVERNOR STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN, TRIED TO CONTACT WILLIAMS BUT FAILED DUE TO PROBLEMS OF SCHEDULING. HE CAME TO OFFICE OF AID DIRECTOR SEPTEMBER 14.

2. DURRANI RECALLED THAT HE HAD HAD PERSONAL FALLING OUT WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO SOME YEARS AGO (WHICH LED TO HIS FIRING FROM PIA AND HOUSE ARREST WHEN BHUTTO TOOK OFFICE) BUT THAT

THIS ESTRANGEMENT ENDED ABOUT FIVE MONTHS AGO. DURRANI SAID THAT HE CALLED ON PRIMIN THREE DAYS AGO AND HIS VISIT RESULTED IN PRIMIN'S SUGGESTION, WHICH HE TOOK AS AN ORDER, THAT HE GO TO THE U.S. AT THE TIME OF BHUTTO'S VISIT FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTOR.

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3. DURRANI INDICATED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OF WHICH PRICE INCREASES AND SLUGGISH INVESTMENT PRINCIPAL SYMPTOMS. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY OF GRINGING THE PRIMIN FACE TO FACE WITH ECONOMIC REALITIES. AS FIRST TACTIC, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR LEADING AMERICAN BANKERS WHO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS TO DISCUSS WITH PRIMIN HOW THEY VIEW PAKISTAN IN TERMS OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE. FOR LONGER RUN, DURRANI IS INTERESTED IN ENTERING INTO DIALOGUE FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN PAKISTAN. IF NOTHING ELSE, THE DISCUSSION INVOLVED IN CONSIDERING SUCH A DEAL SHOULD, HE FEELS, CONVINCE BHUTTO THAT THE ADVICE HE IS GETTING FROM HIS MINISTERS IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

4. DURRANI STATES THAT HE AND BHUTTO AGREED TO DEAL DIRECTLY THROUGH MILITARY SECRETARY DURING U.S. VISIT RATHER THAN THROUGH PAKISTAN EMBASSY. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT DISCUSS HIS VISIT WITH PAK EMBASSY.

5. DURRANI INDICATED A DESIRE TO DISCUSS HIS IDEAS WITH MR. WILLIAMS. WHEN AID DIRECTOR INDICATED THAT WILLIAMS

WAS NOT SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO U.S. UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21, DURRANI INDICATED THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONE MACDONALD, AA/ASIA.

6. DURRANI HOPES TO UTILIZE NICK ANGELL (SHADBURNE PARK, WHITESIDE WOLFE, 25 BROADWAY) AS COORDINATOR HIS CONTACTS AND HAS HOPES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH WALTER WRISTON (FNCB), DAVID ROCKEFELLER, GEORGE WOODS (FORST BOSTON), EUGENE BLACK (AMERICAN EXPRESS) JAMES LINEN (TIME MAG) AND PETER FLANIGAN (WHITE HOUSE). APPARENTLY HE KNOWS WRISTON WELL AND IS AT LEAST ACQUAINTED WITH THE OTHERS. HE STATES THAT HE WILL BE REACHABLE THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER OF PIA IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON, OR THROUGH YUSUF HAROON

IN NEW YORK.

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7. MISSION COMMENT: WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR EVALUATING DURRANI'S DEMARCHE. THE APPARENT SUGGESTION BY PRIMIN THAT DURRANI MAKE LAST MINUTE VISIT TO U.S., EVEN INVOLVING RETURN OF PREVIOUSLY CONFISCATED PASSPORT, NOT OUT OF CHARACTER. IF DURRANI MAKES CONTACT WITH PERSONS CITED ABOVE AND IS ABLE TO FIND A TIME ON BHUTTO'S NEW YORK AGENDA WHEN A MEETING MIGHT BE HELD, WE WOULD THINK ONLY GOOD COULD COME

OUT OF IT. PRIMIN HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN  
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND ANY CONTACT WITH REALITIES INTERNATIONAL  
FINANCE WOULD BE ALL TO THE GOOD. SINCE MACDONALD MOST  
LIKELY POINT OF CONTACT FOR DURRANI, HE MAY WISH DISCUSS WITH  
SOBER ARRIVING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 14, AS WELL AS WITH ASST.  
SEC ECON & BUSINESS AFFAIRS ARMSTRONG.  
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